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FOR AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FROM DAVIES

FOLLOWING UPI ITEM OF FEBRUARY 22 IN MY JUDGMENT REFLECTS
GENERAL CONCERN AMONG CONGRESSMEN WHOM I HAVE SEEN
RECENTLY:

QTE: SEN. JAMES BUCKLEY, R-N.Y., SAID TODAY IF TURKEY
UNILATERALLY RESUMES OPIUM CULTIVATION HE WOULD ASK THE
SENATE TO INSIST THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IMPLEMENT SANCTIONS
AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

HIS COMMENT CAME IN RESPONSE TO A NEWS REPORT THAT TURKEY
HAD ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO UNDERTAKE A JOINT
RE-EXAMINATION OF TURKEY'S 1971 OPIUM CULTIVATION BAN.

YESTERDAY, BUCKLEY SAID, "IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENGAGE IN ANY 'RE-EXAMI-
NATION' OF THE BAN."

HE SAID THEN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SHOULD
"DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO REJECT PARTICIPATION IN THE
PROPOSED JOINT RE-EXAMINATION." END QTE. SISCO

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